

Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu! Glory to Him Forever! Slava Naviky Bohu!

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the next door Rectory. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, our potluck luncheon is open to everyone, especially our guests. Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share.

We appreciate all the help from each of you when you can join us, even 1 or 2 hours is a huge help! We pray for all of our workers, bakers, and volunteers who support our parish!

Need to request an appointment with Father?

Father is available for confession or spiritual direction by appointment and he welcomes you to contact him whenever you need him.

Prayers for the sick or other intentions:

If you have a special intention for the sick, birthdays, deceased, need to request a Liturgy or other service to be offered for someone please give a note, text or call Father at 216-532-6364.

Announcements:

Paska bread is now available. You can purchase them after services on Saturdays and Sundays or during bake days Tuesday through Friday. Small \$12, Medium \$14, Large \$16. Add \$1 for raisins. Call the parish at 317-632-4157 to arrange pick-ups. Thank you for helping with our parish's fund-raising.

ECF Class

We welcome kids of all ages from our parish to participate in ECF class on Sundays after Liturgy and Lunch for 30 minutes.

An adult ECF class will be held on Sundays in our church as well. Please bring your friends to our church to help build our church community.

Stewardship Appeal

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

The Great Fast is from February 20 through Palm Sunday.

This is a 40 days fast for those who are healthy between the ages of 14 through 60. Fasting restrictions include no meat, dairy, eggs or any alcohol. Everyone can come for services, make their own office/prayers at home or read the Holy Bible, make good deeds to each other, come to confession, visit sick people, call your parents, etc. Sick people, pregnant/lactating women, kids younger than 14 and adults older than 60 are not expected to fast.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma will be providing one scholarship to a young member of our Eparchy which will cover the cost of the full trip July 20 - August 8, 2023, including airfare. The recipient will serve as a chaperone for an English summer camp in Slovakia and enjoy a European road trip to Portugal, stopping in Nice, Lourdes, and Fatima, before arriving to Lisbon to participate in the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Visit www.parma.org/WYD2023 to learn more and **Apply by April 1**, **2023.**

FOOLS FOR CHRIST

The 3rd annual young adults retreat theme is learning how to become Fools for Christ. Check us out at Byzantineyoungadults.com

When: July 27-July 30, 2023 Cards are on the back table of the church Where: St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Lakeside Marblehead OH

Email: byzantineyoungadults@gmail.com Phone: 440-720-4679

Services for the week of Mar. 19, 2023				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	March 19 4 th Sunday of the Great Fast St. John Climacus	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Vespers	Heb 6:13-20 Mk 9:17-31
Monday	March 20 Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	12 th Kathisma
Tuesday	March 21 James of Catania Bishop - Confessor	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	13 th Kathisma
Wednesday	March 22 Bishop pf Ancyra Martyrs	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	Gen 17:1-9 Prov 15:20- 16:9
Thursday	March 23 Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	14 th Kathisma
Friday	March 24 Zachary Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	Gen 22:1-18 Prov 17:17- 18:5
Saturday	March 25 Annunciation of the Theotokos	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Matins & Divine Liturgy Vespers & Holy Repentance	Heb 2:11-18 Lk 1:24-38
Sunday	March 26 5 th Sunday of the Great Fast Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Vespers	Heb 6:13-20 Mk 9:17-31

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Saint John of the Ladder is honored by Holy Church as a great ascetic and author of the renowned spiritual book called THE LADDER. In THE LADDER Saint John describes the ascent toward spiritual perfection, which is essential for anyone who wishes to save his soul. It is a written account of his thoughts, based on the collected wisdom of many wise ascetics, and on his own spiritual experience. The book is a great help on the path to truth and virtue.

The steps of THE LADDER proceed gradually from strength to strength on the path of perfection. The summit is not reached suddenly, but gradually, as the Savior says: "The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force" (Mt.11:12).

BEAUTIFYING OUR CHURCH

As you've noticed we've been using live flowers in the church for many months. You are urged to bring flowers to be displayed on the tetrapod or in front of the iconostasis. In the current season of the Great Fast red flowers are to be used. You can bring red flowers on Holy Thursday to adorn the burial shroud on Good Friday. During the Paschal (Easter) season white flowers are used. Bring white flowers on Holy Saturday. Thank you for helping to decorate our church.

PSALM 9 GOD'S POWER AND JUSTICE

- ¹I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- ² I will be glad and exult in you;
 - I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- ³ When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you.

- ⁴ For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶ The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities you have rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.
- ⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment.
- ⁸ He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.
- ⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.
- ¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- ¹³ Be gracious to me, O LORD.

See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

- ¹⁴ so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.
- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.
- ¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.
- ¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human.



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Weekend Divine Services
Saturday: 5 PM Vespers Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy

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